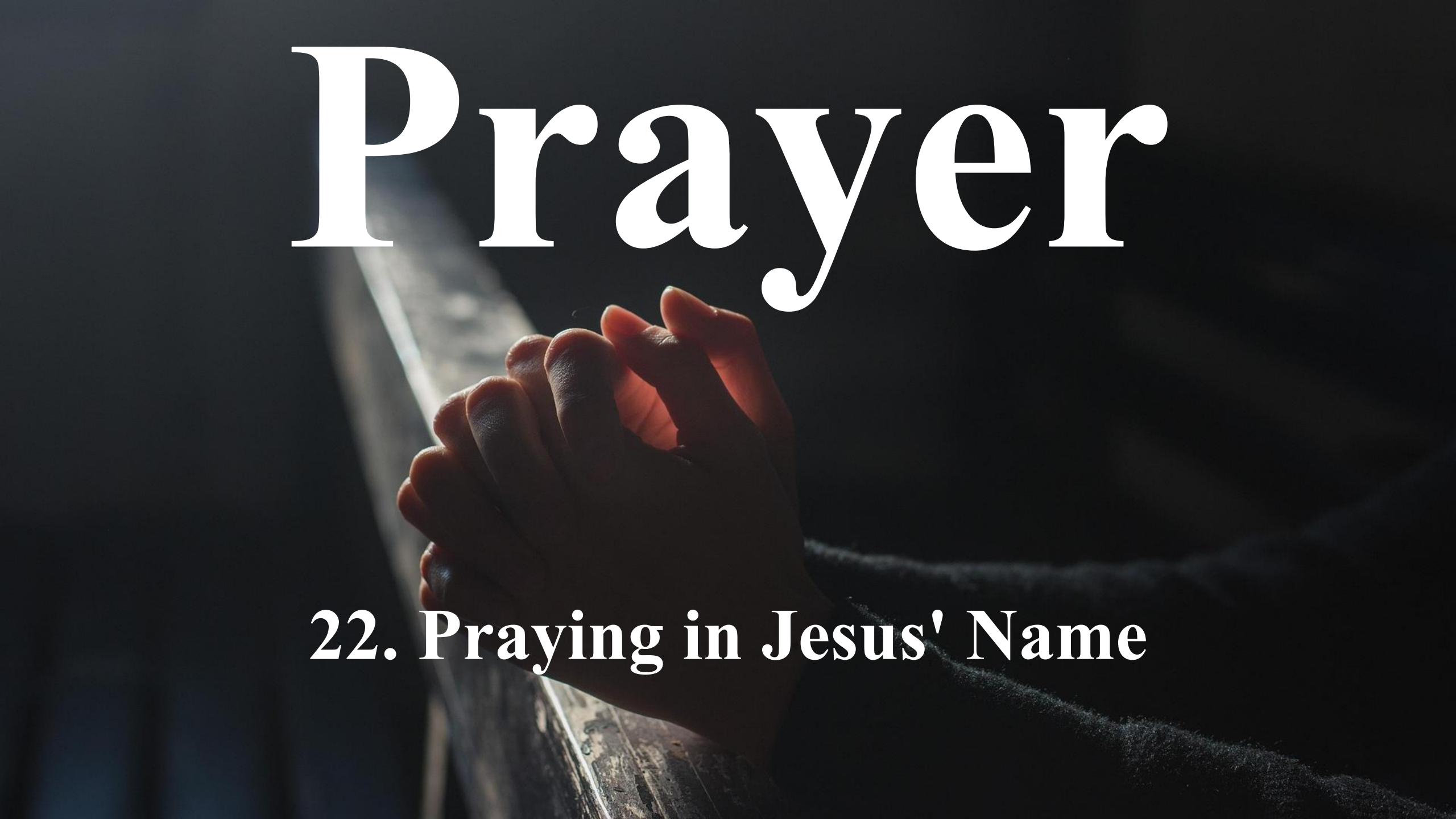


Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The person is wearing a dark, textured garment, possibly a sweater or robe, which is visible at the bottom right. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

22. Praying in Jesus' Name

John 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Meaning: The closing words to our prayers "in Jesus name," is not some magical quote or a vain repetition. When we say "in Jesus name" we are saying, "my prayers can be answered because of Jesus." Without Jesus, we would have no access to the Father, and without praying "in Jesus name," we have no right to have our prayers answered.

Application: Jesus' name is like a signature on a check. The name at the bottom of the check guarantees the receiver the amount of the check. When we end our prayers in Jesus' name, we are saying He is the guarantee for what we are asking. Even now Jesus is at the right hand of the Father making "intercession for us" (Romans 8:34). How much more would our Heavenly Father do for us if we would pray in the name of His Son. The Father is glorified in the Son.

Other Verses to Study: John 14:14; 15:16; 16:23-24; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25; 10:19

1. Who gives us access to the Father? _____

2. Where and what is Jesus doing right now?

3. Our Heavenly Father is glorified in what?

"There cannot be any point of contact between absolute deity and fallen humanity except through Jesus Christ, the appointed mediator; that is God's door; all else is a wall of fire."